

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 411

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Communities In Schools of Texas for its outstanding achievements in helping kids to stay in school and prepare for life; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary dropout prevention program administered by the Texas Education Agency, Communities In Schools of Texas, through partnerships with local school districts, businesses, and the community, provides services for students in kindergarten through the 12th grade in 26 areas across the state; the organization serves over 535,000 students and provides intensive case management services to over 77,000 students who are at risk of dropping out of school; and

**WHEREAS**, The young people of Texas face multiple challenges to staying in school; Communities In Schools of Texas addresses these challenges and gives students the opportunity to focus on learning; the lives of young people without an education become difficult, and their lack of education ultimately costs the state billions of dollars; we are proud that Communities In Schools of Texas is the leading program of the state and nation in combating the dropout problem; and

**WHEREAS**, Dropout prevention is not just a school problem--it is a community responsibility; ensuring the education of all young Texans is critical for having a competent workforce, a stable economy, fewer prisons, and a competitive edge; it is important for the citizens of our state to assist Communities In Schools of Texas in helping our children to succeed in school and prepare for life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Communities In Schools of Texas for its excellent work and declare March 8, 2007, Communities In Schools Day at the Capitol and March, 2007, Communities In Schools Month; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Communities In Schools of Texas as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate